

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:07 PM

2. TERRITORIALACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓ wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Seł íł wítlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wík^wə ʔəm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓ ic̓ əy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology	
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies	
Bachelor of Environment.....	
Behavioral Neuroscience	
Biology	Elizabeth Guinto
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Josh Ham
Business	
Chemistry.....	Michelle Tong
Cognitive Science	Rollin Poe
Communications	
Computing Science	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Dance	
Data Science Student Union	
Earth Science	
Economics.....	Sandra Pal
Education	Adrienne Blas
Engineering Science	Alvin David
English	Liz Giardin
Environmental Resource.....	
Environmental Science	Caitlin Heide
Film Student Union.....	
First Nations Studies Student Union	
French	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	Alicia Fahrner
Geography.....	Evangeline Lapalme
Gerontology Student Union.....	
Global Asia Studies Student Union	
Health Science	
History	Emma Ghislaine
Humanities	Sara Wong
Interactive Arts and Technology	Bryan To

International Studies	Alea Mohamed
Labour Studies	Justin Chen
Linguistics.....	
Mathematics.....	
Mechatronics System Engineering	Kimia Rezaeian
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Kyle Newcomb
Music Student Union	
Operations Research	Ashutosh Dubal
Philosophy	Tony Yu
Physics	Manuel Rojas
Political Science (Vice-Chair)	Helen Pahou
Psychology.....	Tiffany Liu
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) (Chair)	Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Simran Jir
Sociology and Anthropology	Kayla Chow
Software Systems.....	Quince Bielka
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Anthony Kim
Sustainable Community Development	
Theatre Student Union.....	
Visual Arts	
World Literature	Ksydalg Henry

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA).....	Serena Bains
First Nations Student Association (FNSA)	Kali Stierle
International Student Group (ISG)	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....	Victor Yin
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)	
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Ryan Stolys
Women Centre Collective (WCC).....	
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA).....	Juanita Julius

Board of Directors

SFSS Directors (non-voting)

President	Osob Mohamed
VP External Relations.....	Samad Raza
VP Finance.....	Corbett Gildersleve
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
VP Student Life	Jennifer Chou
VP University Relations	Gabe Liosis
At-Large Representative	Balqees Jama
At-Large Representative	Phum Luckkid
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Harry Preet Singh
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences).....	Sude Guvendik
Faculty Representative (Business).....	Mehtaab Gill
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology)	Haider Masood
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Anuki Karunajeewa
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Nafoni Modi
Faculty Representative (Science)	WeiChun Kua

3.2 Absent

French	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies	Alicia Fahrner
History	Emma Ghislaine

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-09-23:01

Helen/Kayla

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 By-Law Review

- Introduction
 - About Council empowerment and holding the Board/Executive Committee accountable
 - Been working on this for the past 3 months to create a resolution to hold the Board more accountable and if it passes, the changes will be made after April 30th, 2021
- Executive Committee
 - Composition
 - Change from 16 members to 7 members.
 - Removing faculty reps to eliminate redundancy and stick with roles that serve ALL students.
 - Powers – By-Law 4(4-5)
 - Power to make recommendations to Council for actions it does not have the authority to act on.
 - Example: If Executive Committee created a budget, the Council would be the one to approve it or not.
 - Executive Committee will report its operations at each Council meeting
 - Limitations of Powers – By-Law 4(2-4)
 - This change will be a big shift in power, and Council will be taking on most of the current roles of the Board
 - By-Law 4(3-4)
 - Council can restrict Executive Committee powers at any time.
 - Member's Meeting is the new equivalent to AGM
 - Executive Committees will be bound by resolutions made by Council or Membership.
 - This is important because Council is closest level of representation to the student body.
 - Executive Committee is a subset of Council.
 - Their powers come from Council.
 - They will have capacity to do a lot still as the powers and duties of Council can be exercised by the Executive Committee, subject to some regulations & limitations.
 - Out on Campus Collective Representative, Victor Yin, left at 5:29PM.
- Council – By-Law 6
 - Will have the powers of the current Board,
 - Can veto any motions they disagree with the Board on.
 - See slides for Composition.
 - Powers, Duties & Obligations
 - See slides for more details.
 - Council calls and plans Members' Meetings now.
 - Will act as the legal Board of Directors of the Society.

- Limitations - By-Law 6(11-14)
 - Council is always held accountable by the Membership and cannot go against what they want.
 - There are specific date deadlines to meet as listed on the slide.
 - Council can only increase or decrease stipends for the next group of councilors.
- Councilors - By-Law 6(6)a-h
 - Must act to build up trust among Council and the student body.
 - Must do their best to fulfil promises and fix mistakes as they occur.
 - Must use reasonable efforts to advance interest of the Student Union groups they represent as well as for all students.
- Council Committees will be expanded
- Electoral Process
 - Council General Elections – By-Law 15(27-28)
 - Councilors will abide by the constitution set forth by their own student unions.
 - Council elections occur over a three-week period, and results must be reported to the Independent Electoral Commission by end of week ten in the semester.
 - By Elections - By-Law 16
 - Occur in accordance with the constitution set forth by their own student unions.
 - Executive Committee Vacancies & Interim Appointments
 - Council may appoint a current councilor into an Executive Committee seat as a temporary position prior to a by-election that must be organized at the earliest possible time except for the President's seat.
 - By-elections to fill vacant offices can only occur in the Summer and Fall semesters.
- Impeachment Procedures
 - By-Law 17(2&5)
 - Councilor can be removed from Council by 4/5 majority vote of Council or by their membership as their respective Constitutions read.
- Discussion
 - Next action item will be getting at least 10 general members from each Councilor's Student Unions to attend the AGM.
 - Also, will need to discuss and see if Council has confidence in this proposed model.
 - How and why was the 4/5 majority vote to impeach a Council member decided on?
 - 2/3s is too easily abused, which is where 4/5s came in.
 - To safeguard this power from abuse while still having this option available.
 - If the 4/5s majority is not met within Council, the Councilor can still be impeached at a Members Meeting in a 2/3s majority vote.
 - Are there restrictions for impeached Councilor running for re-election?
 - No, not legally able to restrict that.
 - It would be up to the membership.
 - How will Councilor's roles and duties change in relation to their DSUs?
 - Expectation is that Councilor would have to be a separate position, rather than holding several positions.
 - Possibly to have this mandated.
 - Issue with DSUs not having formal Constitutions as well when it comes to removal of Councilors.
 - Will there be a new financial structure for the new Board due to increased work?
 - By-Law notes that Council will receive a stipend and the amount will be set in policy.
 - Because there will no longer be Faculty Representatives and At-Large Representatives, their stipends will be spread-out among the Council. The size of Council will be around a maximum of 60 people.
 - Stipend will work out to about \$100-120 per meeting which is about the equivalent of one workday as Councilors are expected to prepare for each meeting as well.

- What if DSUs are small and might not have enough people to make Council a separate position?
 - Will need to start getting in touch with student unions and helping them grow, as well as departments to set up a student union, if special resolution passes.
 - Should do this whether the resolution passes or not.
 - If it passes, it is likely there will be more competition and interest in being part of Council.
- Psychology Representative, Tiffany Liu, left at 6:08PM.
- How can you be elected to Council Committees and make sure you are sitting on one?
 - Will have to re-write policies to increase the number of committees there are.
 - Will also be absorbing current Board's committees, and there are quite a few of them which will create lots of space for all Councilors to sit on a committee.
 - Challenge will be getting on the committee you want to be on, but you can be on more than one.
 - To get on committees, the Council would select who would sit on what committee via a nominating committee.
- Three methods of impeaching a Council member: DSU, Council and membership – Why is there a different group of people that can vote for them and those who can impeach them?
 - Right now, Faculty Representatives are elected by their faculty, but can be impeached by the membership. The idea is that if the society doesn't think they are being represented by a Board/Council member, they have the right to impeach them.
- What is the rush with pushing this through at the upcoming AGM?
 - President who has been involved throughout the process reassures that it has not been rushed and has been very thorough.
 - Acknowledges that they may need to be revisited in the future, but By-Laws are living documents.
 - Chair backs up President, that due diligence has been done.
 - Special Spring AGM would limit the time the current Board has to run elections and work on policies.
- International Studies Representative, Alea Mohamed, and First Nations Studies Student Union Representative, Kali Stierle, left at 6:23PM.
- Labour Studies Representative, Justin Chen, left at 6:24PM.
- How does shifting the power from one body to another, bigger body create accountability and fix the problems that the SFSS has now?
 - Composition of the Board will be made up of a more diverse group of students in the new model, and due to number of students there are a lot of people to represent so bigger group is necessary.
 - Very different being the faculty representative and being a part of the DSUs.
 - Had to make Council the Board legally due to the BC Societies Act.
 - This model is quite common for student societies.
- Looking to have a motion next Wednesday to finalize Council's approval for this model so it can be sent to the Board for approval so it can be put on the AGM agenda.
- Note that Councilors will be supported in this transition. There will be a Transition Committee where the Board and Council will collaborate to implement the policies in a way that's supporting everyone.
- The Executive Committee is like the idea makers and the Councilors are like the judicial body who approve or disapprove those ideas.
- Please let the Board know if there's anything they can provide over the next week. Board will be voting on the By-Laws on Oct. 2.
- Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Representative, Josh Ham, left at 6:43PM.
- Previous Boards have dismissed Council so this model will increase student representation.
- In response to comment about new Council Representatives potentially not being

aware of previous discussions:

- Note that previous Council representatives are responsible to brief new Council representatives, and new Council representatives are responsible to know what has been going on before they joined.
- Humanities Representative, Sara Wong, left at 6:47PM.
- Economics Representative, Sandra Pal, left at 6:49PM.
- Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) Representative, Simran Jir, left at 6:50PM.
- No guarantee that the next Board will continue to work towards this change if these By-Laws do not go through.
- How will the AGM run online and be effective?
 - There is a working group that is sorting out the logistics.
 - MECS to use SFU's Zoom account.
 - Attendance must be through SFU login.
 - Upstanding challenge is making sure SFU email holder won't be able to vote or have their vote counted.
- What was staff involvement like with the By-Law proposal?
 - Transition Manager, Lawrence Jones
 - A lawyer looked at it as well.
 - Decisions always happen at the Board level, and staff are there to support the Board in the decision that they make.
 - Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator, Sarah Edmunds, has helped research other student governance models which helped inform the clauses and By-Laws in the proposals.
- Software Systems Representative, Quince Bielka, left at 7:02PM.
- Vote on this next week at the regularly scheduled meeting so everyone has the time to talk with their student unions and ask questions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-09-23:02

Kayla/Helen

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM.

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